



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 25, 2017

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with California Department of Social Services to provide legal consultation and representation

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an agreement with the California Department of Social Services, (CDSS) from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, to provide legal consultation and legal representation services in administrative action appeals associated with the Resource Family Approval program of the County Child Welfare Services program.

BACKGROUND

Effective January 1, 2017 all counties must operate a Resource Family Approval program. The Resource Family Approval (RFA) program is a caregiver approval process that a foster parent, relative, non-related extended family member, or adoptive family completes to be considered for potential placement of a child, youth, or young adult who is involved with the child welfare system. In the event an applicant is denied approval, or the approval is rescinded, the applicant is eligible for an Administrative Review heard by either the State Hearings Division or the Office of Administrative Hearings. The CDSS Legal Division will act as the sole legal representation on behalf of Placer County in the provision of legal consultations and legal representation in these appeal matters.

Placer County will remain the client of CDSS legal division and will be the final decision maker on decisions affecting the legal rights of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is not required for these services as CDSS will provide them at no cost.

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

